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National Stalking Awareness Month.

Under the laws of all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime. Each year 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked in the United States, and nearly 75% of victims are stalked by someone they know. Facts indicate that 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner. Many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population. Further, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders. These stalkers use increasingly sophisticated devices—such as global positioning systems, cameras, and computer spyware—to track their victims.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the United States to observe **National Stalking Awareness Month**. Visit www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org for more information on how you can make a difference in helping to combat this national problem.